

Case No. 82.

Under Article 11. Treaty of 14th June, 1866,
with Creek Indians.

Recent evidence of Monday, Grayson, deceased.
The undersigned, Fanny Sedam, age 50;
a freedwoman of the Creek Nation, and loyal refugee,
being duly examined and sworn. (she understanding
and conversing in the English language.) deposes and
says: She is the guardian of Abram Sells, male, and
Renty Sells and Lilly Sells, ^{females,} minors, orphan children of
Buffy and Lucinda Sells, both now deceased: That in
the month of December 1862, the father and mother were
living on their place near the Creek Agency, and were
compelled to fly from their home by the presence of the
Rebels under Col. McIntosh, and succeeded in effecting
their escape, and joined Col. Phillips' Union troops, and
went to Gibson. The father afterwards went, with his
family, to Springfield, Mo. and there died while in the
employ of the U.S. Quartermaster's Department as teamster.
The mother (who is sister to this deponent) then returned
to Gibson with her children, & remained until the close
of the War, when she returned to her old home, in the
Creek Nation, and died in September 1868 - appointing
this deponent guardian over her children just prior
to her decease. And this deponent further says: that
at the time of the flight of said Buffy Sells, dec'd,
from his home, as aforesaid, he owned and possessed,
and did, necessarily, abandon to the rebels and lose, all

the property hereinafter named, and that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, the said Sells never afterwards recovered the same, or any part thereof: to say:

6	Six Cows and 6 Calves	at \$15. each	\$ 90.00
9	Nine Steers	$\frac{2}{\text{at } \$20. \text{ each.}}$ $\frac{7}{\text{at } \$15. \text{ each.}}$	75.00
1	One Mare and Colt,	at	35.00
20	Twenty Hogs,	at 2 ⁰⁰ each	40.00
50	Fifty Chickens and Turkeys,		38.00
3	Three Beehives & Bees,	at \$3. each	9.00
30	Thirty Bushels of Corn	" 75 ⁰⁰ bu.	22.50
Lot	House furniture, bedstead, bed & bedding &c		15.00
Lot	Kitchen furniture, cooking utensils, &c		11.00

Making a total value of \$ 335.50.
three hundred and thirty five dollars and fifty cents.

Further this deponent saith not. -

Fanny Hedam,

her
X
mark

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, at the Creek
Agency CN. this 10th day of November, A.D. 1869

J. P. O'Connell

Notary Public for the State of Texas

So. Sept. 1869.

The undersigned, Sage Barnwell, and
George Abram, Freedmen of the Creek Nation, and
loyal refugees, being jointly, duly examined & sworn;
they understanding and conversing in the English
language: do depose and say: They are not interested
in any pecuniary manner, in the claim of Fanny Hedam
as Guardian for the minor children of Ruffy Sells, dec'd. -
That they have heard the foregoing affidavit read to them.

and turn its contents, and that the same is correct and true in every particular: That to their own knowledge, the aforesaid Buffy, Sells, deceased, did, at the time of his flight from his home, as stated, own and possess, and did necessarily abandon and lose all the property stated in the deposition of his sister in law, the said Fanny Steadman, Guardian &c. Further these deponents do not say.

Oliver Barnwell,
George Abrahm,

his
X
mark
his
X
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the Creek
Agency on this 10th day of November, A.D. 1869.

[Signature]
Notary Public for the U.S.
So. of Sept 1869

Awards

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony: Also, the status of claimant: The amount claimed, how: - ever, is, in some instances, considered excessive. Upon inquiry, it is found the values of the different kinds of property, at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows: -

Cows & calves:-	\$ 8.00 each
Horses:- $\frac{2}{\$10.00}$ ea $\frac{7}{\$7.00}$ ea.	
Wares & colls,	20.00
Hogs:-	2.00